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**Reading: “The First to Climb Mt. Everest”**

1. Who were the first two people to attempt to climb Everest? In What year did they attempt it?

2. List the dangers climbers face when attempting to climb Everest?

3. Who are Sherpas?

4. What four people does the article state were members of Colonel Hunt’s 1953 expedition to Everest?

5. What is “Hillary’s Step”?

6. What did the two climbers do in their short time at the summit of Mt. Everest?

**Discovery Education Videos**

1. “Bhutan - The Land that Time Forgot”: What about Bhutan would make someone give it the title, “The Land that Time Forgot”?

2. “Buddhism in Bhutan”: Describe what Tantric Buddhism is and what are its origins in Bhutan?

3. “Buddhist Rituals in Bhutan”: Describe the importance and uses of the prayer wheels in Buddhist ritual.

4. “Life in the Monastery”: Describe the life of a Monk.

**Textbook p. 590-597**

1. What country broke away from Pakistan in 1971?

2. How does Urdu differ from Hindi? Where are these languages widely spoken?

3. What is the most important festival in Sri Lanka? Why is it so important?

4. How have Bangladeshis dealt with the effects of variations in monsoon rainfall and farming?

5. How are settlement patterns similar in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka?

6. What role did the switch from coffee to tea play in Sri Lanka’s modern ethnic conflicts?

**Computer based research**

Pick a cultural group (ethnic, religious) from one of the countries covered in the chapter (Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Maldives) and describe a ritual that is important to them that you found interesting. Write a paragraph describing the ritual and explain what makes it so important to the culture. After that draw a picture of what you think the ritual would look like or of something associated with that ritual. (example - If there is a specific god associated with the ritual you may draw a picture of that god. Or you may draw a picture depicting someone doing a certain act that is part of the ritual) You are on a computer, use the resource in front of you to find this info. Don’t tell me you don’t know where to look, start by googling something and go from there.